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It is stated in *The Condor* that Mr. Austin Paul Smith has returned from Mexico and is now working with the birds on the United States side of the lower Rio Grande in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas.

DR. VERNON L. KELLOGG, professor of entomology at Stanford University, is spending the present year abroad. He will be in Paris until May, and may be addressed care of the American Express Company, 11 rue Scribe, Paris.

PROFESSOR C. V. TOWER, of the University of Vermont, has gone abroad for graduate study and travel.

PROFESSOR EDWARD B. TITCHENER, of Cornell University, will give at the University of Illinois, a series of lectures in psychology, probably during the latter part of March.

DR. ALBRECHT PENCK, professor of geography in the University of Berlin, and Kaiser Wilhelm professor in Columbia University for 1909, has lectured before the Geographical Society of Philadelphia, on "The Origin of the Alps."

It is planned to collect \$7,500 with which to purchase the valuable chemical library of the late Professor W. O. Atwater, and present it to Wesleyan University. The library contains more than 5,000 volumes, including about 2,500 volumes of periodicals.

MR. JOSEPH H. PAINTER, assistant in the division of botany, National Museum, Washington, D. C., was drowned in the rapids of the Potomac on December 6, 1908, near the headquarters of the Washington Biologists' Field Club, of which he was a member. The evidence tends to show that he was overturned in a canoe with a boy companion, Robert S. Wallis, and lost his life in the vain endeavor to rescue his friend, who was unable to swim. The Field Club has added to the efforts and incentives to recover the bodies and has adopted the following memorial: "*Resolved*, That the Washington Biologists' Field Club has suffered a profound loss in the death of Mr. Joseph H. Painter. That the club has the highest admiration and respect for the noble character and heroic sacrifice for a

younger companion, which appears to have led to Mr. Painter's untimely end. That the club extends its sincerest sympathy to the bereaved relatives."

M. CHARLES E. STUIVAERT, associate astronomer in the Royal Observatory of Belgium, died on November 18, at the age of fifty-seven years.

THE deaths are also announced of Dr. Hugo Hertzner, formerly professor of mathematics in the Berlin Institute of Technology, and of M. Charles Ballet, the French horticulturist.

THE fifth and sixth stories of the building in Washington in which the Geological Survey is housed were swept by fire on December 16, and serious loss by fire and water was suffered by collections, books, maps and field notes. This building is rented by the government; the need of a fireproof building for the Geological Survey has each year been pointed out by the director.

MR. J. C. CAMPBELL, president of the National Bank of Commerce, Columbus, Ohio, has provided a fund for lectures on scientific subjects to be delivered under the auspices of the Omega Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi in Ohio State University.

THE Naples Table Association for promoting laboratory research by women announces that applications for the table at the Naples Zoological Station should be made by March 1, 1909. A prize of \$1,000 for the best thesis written by a woman, on a scientific subject, embodying new observations and new conclusions based on an independent laboratory research in biological, chemical or physical science will be awarded for the third time in April, 1909. Further information may be obtained from the secretary, Mrs. A. D. Mead, 283 Wayland Avenue, Providence, R. I.

#### THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT ELIOT

IN accepting with reluctance and keen regret the resignation of President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, the overseers of Harvard College make this record of admiration and esteem:

Called to the presidency in early manhood, he has administered the affairs of this university for

forty years with eminent skill and fidelity. Its vast development during his term of service has been mainly due to his rare wisdom, his strong convictions, his enterprise and his zeal. Prompt to initiate reforms and fearless yet prudent in pressing them, he has by his constructive energy transformed Harvard College into a great university, and at the same time has exerted an influence on the educational forces of the nation which has largely shaped their policy, so that he stands to-day the leader in his age and generation.

Nor does Harvard alone attest his greatness. His mental precision and unusual capacity for lucid and apt discrimination have enabled him to treat public questions with singular authority and with an unerring instinct for the aspirations and needs of society. He has touched no subject without illuminating it; he has stood firmly for collegiate and civic righteousness; and so sane have been his counsels, so masterly his power of statement, that he not only commands to-day the attention of America, but he is honored by scholars and thinkers throughout the world. He has set an example to all by the simplicity of his life and by his absolute devotion to duty and the public interest. He lays down the cares of office voluntarily at the ripe age of seventy-five while "his eye is not dimmed nor his natural force abated." Indeed his temperament has mellowed with time, and he has grown young with the passing years.

This board, to every member of which association with him has been a privilege, congratulates him warmly on his long and distinguished service, and expresses the sincere hope that blessed with health he may enjoy for years to come the rest which he has richly earned and the honor freely accorded to him by a grateful community.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

In a special report to President Schurman, Director V. A. Moore, of the New York State Veterinary College, asks the board of trustees of Cornell University to petition the New York State Legislature for appropriations amounting to \$375,000 for improvements and additions to the Veterinary College. The following are the appropriations asked for in detail: (1) For maintenance for the college year 1909-10, \$40,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the present appropriation. The maintenance of this college as a teaching institution will soon require at least \$50,000 per

annum. (2) For research, experimental work and extension work, \$10,000. This should be raised, as the work becomes organized, to \$25,000. (3) For clinical buildings and equipment, \$125,000. (4) For farriery, horse-shoeing laboratory, stable for team and wagons, and fence, \$50,000. (5) For the completion of the wing at the north end and the erection of the one at the south end of the main building, as originally planned, \$150,000.

THERE are this year 403 students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, distributed according to the divisions and departments under which their studies chiefly lie, as follows: Semitic, none; ancient languages, 26 (indie philology, none; classics, 26); modern languages, 121 (English, 80; German, 10; romance, 17; comparative, literature, 6; Scandinavian, 1; mixed, 7); history and political science, 75 (history and government, 46; political economy, 27; evenly divided, 2); philosophy, 48 (social ethics, 2); education, 10; fine arts, 6 (history and principles of the fine arts, 3; architecture, 3); music, 3; mathematics, 23; physics, 18; chemistry, 34; engineering, 1; biology, 18 (botany, 7; zoology, 11); geology, 6 (geology and geography, 4; mineralogy and petrography, 2); mining and metallurgy, 1; anthropology, 3. There are three students of the medical sciences and one of comparative philology, and four whose studies are miscellaneous.

DR. C. A. WALDO, professor in Purdue University, has accepted the chair of mathematics at Washington University, St. Louis.

At Hobart College on the William Smith foundation, Mr. E. H. Eaton has been appointed professor of biology and Mr. F. P. Boswell assistant professor of psychology and mathematics. Mr. Ernest W. Dean has been appointed professor in chemistry.

THE Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia has established a department of pharmaceutical chemistry, of which Dr. George H. Meeker is the dean. Besides the professors and instructors drawn from the other faculties of the college, there have been added to the teaching force Professor F. A. Genth, as professor of mineralogy and assaying, and Pro-